

Whereas the negotiations between the so-called P5+1 countries and Iran over its illicit nuclear weapons program are entering a key phase, and Congress has heard the perspectives, both publicly and privately, of a number of close allies involved in the negotiations; and

Whereas the United States is committed to ensuring that Israel, as a strong and trusted ally, maintains its qualitative military edge: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) warmly welcomes the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, on his visit to the United States, which provides a timely opportunity to reinforce the United States-Israel relationship;

(2) eagerly awaits the address of Prime Minister Netanyahu before a joint meeting of the United States Congress;

(3) reaffirms its commitment to stand with Israel during times of uncertainty;

(4) continues to strongly support Israel's right to defend itself from threats to its very survival; and

(5) reaffirms its unequivocal and bipartisan support for the friendship between the people and Governments of the United States and Israel.

The amendment (No. 263) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the title)

Amend the title so as to read: "A resolution welcoming the Prime Minister of Israel to the United States for his address to a joint meeting of Congress."

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015—MOTION TO PROCEED—Continued

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I yield back all time on the motion to proceed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 255

(Purpose: in the nature of a substitute)

Mr. MCCONNELL. I have an amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], for Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mrs. SHAHEEN, proposes an amendment numbered 255.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask for the yeas and nays on my amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 256 TO AMENDMENT NO. 255

Mr. MCCONNELL. I have a second degree amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] proposes an amendment numbered 256 to amendment No. 255.

The amendment is as follows:

At the end, add the following:

This act shall become effective 1 day after enactment.

AMENDMENT NO. 257

Mr. MCCONNELL. I have an amendment to the text proposed to be stricken.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] proposes an amendment numbered 257 to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 255.

The amendment is as follows:

At the end, add the following:

This act shall become effective 6 days after enactment.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask for the yeas and nays on my amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 258 TO AMENDMENT NO. 257

Mr. MCCONNELL. I have a second degree amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] proposes an amendment numbered 258 to amendment No. 257.

The amendment is as follows:

In the amendment, strike "6 days" and insert "5 days".

MOTION TO COMMIT WITH AMENDMENT NO. 259

Mr. MCCONNELL. I have a motion to commit H.R. 240 with instructions, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] moves to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment numbered 259.

The amendment is as follows:

At the end, add the following:

This act shall become effective 4 days after enactment.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask for the yeas and nays on that motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 260

Mr. MCCONNELL. I have an amendment to the instructions at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] proposes an amendment numbered 260 to the instructions of the motion to commit H.R. 240.

The amendment is as follows:

In the amendment, strike "4 days" and insert "3 days".

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask for the yeas and nays on that amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 261 TO AMENDMENT NO. 260

Mr. MCCONNELL. I have a second degree amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] proposes an amendment numbered 261 to amendment No. 260.

The amendment is as follows:

In the amendment, strike "3 days" and insert "2 days".

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. I have a cloture motion at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015.

Mitch McConnell, Orrin G. Hatch, Susan M. Collins, Lindsey Graham, Daniel Coats, Thad Cochran, Roger F. Wicker, John Barrasso, Jeff Flake, John McCain, Mark Kirk, Kelly Ayotte, Lamar Alexander, Lisa Murkowski, Bob Corker, John Cornyn.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

IMMIGRATION RULE OF LAW ACT OF 2015—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. MCCONNELL. I move to proceed to S. 534.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 22, S. 534, a bill to prohibit funds from being used to carry out certain Executive actions related to immigration and for other purposes.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to S. 534, a bill to prohibit funds from being used to carry out certain Executive actions related to immigration and for other purposes.

Mitch McConnell, Susan M. Collins, John Thune, Cory Gardner, Lamar Alexander, Daniel Coats, James Lankford, John Barrasso, John McCain, Bill Cassidy, Roger F. Wicker, John Hoeven, Lisa Murkowski, Jeff Flake, Shelley Moore Capito, Ron Johnson, Richard Burr.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII, at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 27, the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on H.R. 240; that if cloture is invoked, all postcloture time be yielded back with the exception of 10 minutes for Senator LEE or his designee; and that following the use or yielding back of that time, the pending amendments, with the exception of amendment No. 255, be withdrawn and the Senate vote on amendment No. 255; I further ask that the bill, as amended, if amended, then be read a third time and the Senate vote on passage, and that there then be 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 534.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMEMBERING COLONEL DEWEY LEE SMITH

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to mourn the passing of a great Kentuckian and an American hero, Col. Dewey Lee Smith. Colonel Smith of Fairdale, KY, was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He passed away on February 9, 2015, and was 85 years old.

Colonel Smith bravely served his country during the Vietnam war and was taken prisoner on June 2, 1967, as an F-105 pilot who was forced to eject over North Vietnam. He was held as a POW and not released until March 4, 1973, near the end of the Vietnam war. He spent 2,103 days in captivity and was released during Operation Homecoming.

Colonel Smith was not reluctant to talk about his POW experience, and often spoke about it on Veterans Day at area churches. He also frequently spoke to newly commissioned military officers at Fort Knox.

Among Colonel Smith's many various medals, awards, and decorations, he received the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Purple Heart. He later received a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, in lieu of a second Silver Star, for gallantry while a POW.

Colonel Smith was born, fittingly, on Veterans Day in 1929 in Louisville. He played football at Fairdale High School and was a linebacker and a fullback on the football team at Western Kentucky University.

He was commissioned as a second lieutenant through the Air Force ROTC program at Western Kentucky in 1953. He was awarded his pilot wings at Vance AFB, OK, in June 1954. He served in South Korea, and at the time of his capture he was stationed in Thailand.

In his retirement, Colonel Smith could frequently be seen playing golf at South Park Country Club, and he served at least once as the grand marshal of the Fairdale Fair parade. He will be greatly missed by his wife Elaine, his sons Dewey Smith Jr., Jonathan Smith, and Joshua Russell Smith, and his daughters Vicki Boyd and Sandra Smith. I know my U.S. Senate colleagues join me in expressing condolences to Colonel Smith's family.

The Louisville Courier-Journal published an obituary for Colonel Smith. I ask unanimous consent that said obituary be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the obituary was ordered to appear as follows:

COLONEL DEWEY LEE SMITH OBITUARY

Smith, Colonel Dewey Lee, 85, passed while in the nursing home in Luverne, AL, on February 9, 2015. A highly decorated veteran of the Cold War and the Vietnam War and a POW of the Vietnam War, he was awarded numerous medals for valor and citations for achievement including but not limited to the Silver Star (2), Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross for Valor (2), Bronze Star for Valor, Purple Heart (2), and Prisoner of War Medal.

Colonel Smith was a courageous, honorable and loyal airman, as well as a patient and

loving father, a humble family man, and a faithful servant of God. He married Elaine Hall in Glenwood, Alabama in 1974. As a natural at the game of football, he coached little league, played his senior year at Fairdale High School in Fairdale, Kentucky and received a scholarship to play at Western Kentucky, where he played from 1948 to 1953, and served as a student coach in 1953.

Colonel Smith was born on November 11, 1929 in Louisville, KY, to John and Edna Smith.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Elaine Hall Smith; his daughters, Vicki Boyd of Chattanooga and Sandy Smith of Louisville; his sons, Lieutenant Colonel Dewey L. Smith, Jr. "Chip" of Missoula, MT, Captain Jonathan Smith (April) and Sergeant Joshua Smith (Samlong) of Louisville; his grandchildren, Mike, Halle, Mahalia, Kaden, Kellan, Samara, and Serena; his sister, Mildred Davis of Shepherdsville; and many nieces and nephews who adored their Uncle Dewey. Colonel Dewey was preceded in death by his parents, John and Edna; his brothers, Homer Smith and Johnny Ray Smith (Louisville), Cedar Smith of Charlestown, IN; his sisters, Alice Oney of Louisville, Elizabeth Trotter of Chattanooga, and Mary Stewart of Evarts, KY; daughter, Donna.

A viewing will take place at Fairdale-McDaniel Funeral Home, Friday 3-8 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.—1 p.m., with the burial immediately following at Bethany Cemetery at 2 p.m. The service will be officiated by Brother David Brading and Jack Davis.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, Senate Standing Rule XXVI, paragraph 2 requires each committee to adopt rules to govern the procedure of the committee and to publish those rules in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD not later than March 1 of the first year of each Congress. On February 24, 2015, a majority of the members of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations adopted subcommittee rules of procedure.

I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a copy of the rules of procedure of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE SENATE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AS ADOPTED

1. No public hearing connected with an investigation may be held without the approval of either the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member or a majority of the Members of the Subcommittee. In all cases, notification to all Subcommittee Members of the intent to hold hearings must be given at least 7 days in advance to the date of the hearing. The Ranking Minority Member should be kept fully apprised of preliminary inquiries, investigations, and hearings. Preliminary inquiries may be initiated by the Subcommittee Majority staff upon the approval of the Chairman and notice of such approval to the Ranking Minority Member,